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Applicants submit herewith, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. If, however, it is determined that fees are owed, Applicants hereby authorize that such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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